

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURELY DISTRIBUTING  
DIGITAL CONTENT FOR SHORT TERM USE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for use in a communication network that  
5 communicates with a plurality of digital content servers to provide  
selected digital data files, including video and audio files, for  
download to a subscriber device. A segmentation controller is  
provided for dividing the selected into segments. An encryption  
controller is provided for compressing and encrypting each of the  
segments with a selected one of a plurality of encryption keys.  
The segments are then transmitted at or above the average bandwidth  
of the communication network to a subscriber device. A copy of the  
decryption keys are transmitted to the subscriber device to enable  
playback of the selected file only with a current verification of  
15 the subscriber device.